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<p>.....</p> <p>4. A second feature of the period is the refusal of the highest authorities in the Nazi Party to face the real possibility of defeat. To mention such a possibility in the Fuehrer's entourage was to court execution. The inhibitive effect of this unreal atmosphere has been mentioned by several competent sources. <u>SHELLENBERG</u> has stated that Maj. Gen. von GEHLEN drew up careful plans for resistance based on a study of the Polish Resistance Movement, and that these were rejected out of hand by HIMMLER as evidence of defeatism. <u>SHELLENBERG</u> further states that in February 1945 general staff officers received a circular reminding them of the severe penalties for defeatism, and naming three general staff officers who had been shot for this crime. To plan resistance after defeat is a large and difficult task; to do so when the conception and vocabulary of defeat are forbidden under pain of death is impossible.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>14.<u>SHELLENBERG</u> goes further and says that both KALTENBRUNNER and SKORZENY sabotaged PRUETZMANN'S work from the start.</p> <p>15.<u>SHELLENBERG</u> states that the organization of the Dienststelle corresponded to the mental capacity of its members - it was weak; and he says that he personally reproached HIMMLER about the whole Werewolf enterprise, calling it 'criminal and stupid'.</p>				
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